

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 25, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Naming of the Bridge in the 2500 Block of Campbell Avenue as the “John L. Suttentfield Memorial Bridge”

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution to name the bridge in the 2500 block of Campbell Avenue as the “John L. Suttentfield Memorial Bridge.”

SUMMARY:

The City has received an application from the Fairview Christian Church, 2701 Campbell Avenue, requesting that the bridge in the 2500 block of Campbell Avenue be named the “John L. Suttentfield Memorial Bridge.” The Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and has stated in the application, “It would be a great addition to the anniversary celebration and a token of appreciation to a man who was instrumental in affecting many positive changes for the Fairview community and all of Lynchburg if the bridge located close to the church could be named in his memory.”

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne, 455-3990

ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution

Policy for naming city-owned properties

Naming Application

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the bridge in the 2500 block of Campbell Avenue be named the "John L. Suttentfield Memorial Bridge."

Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

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A POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES, FACILITIES, STREETS & STRUCTURES

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June 2,2000

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Overview

In an effort to formalize a cohesive naming policy and make that policy more understandable, the City of Lynchburg has established a series of guidelines and an application to assist the general public, City employees, and local government members. Included within this document are representative examples of histories of some named Lynchburg facilities.





A POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES, FACILITIES, STREETS & STRUCTURES

The City of Lynchburg has a comprehensive program to safeguard City owned properties, facilities, and structures while satisfying the economic, recreation, and transportation needs of the community. It is important that suitable names be chosen for City Owned properties or facilities. The following guidelines shall serve as policy on this matter.

1. Requests to name or rename City owned properties, facilities, and structures shall be made in writing to the Department of Community Planning & Development, whereupon a Naming Request Application shall be transferred to the individual, organization, and/or corporation.
2. The person(s) who submitted the request shall provide background information into the rationale behind the request, including biographical information (if to be named after a person). Any letters from appropriate organizations and individuals, which provide evidence of substantial local support for the proposal, shall be submitted at that time.
3. All suggestions for the naming of City owned properties, facilities, streets & structures shall be submitted to the Director of the Department of Community Planning & Development (or their designee) for cursory review and distribution. Furthermore, the Director of Community Planning & Development shall forward all applications to the Director of the Department responsible for management/operation of that particular area, for initial acceptance or rejection, with a recommendation being transmitted to the City Council for approval.
4. As a general policy, City owned properties, facilities, streets & structures shall be named in accordance with geographical, cultural, historical, or ecological features indigenous to the site or to the immediate vicinity of the site. Facilities may be named for an individual or corporation under the following conditions:
 - Where the individual or corporation has made a significant gift of land or money to the City, or
 - For an individual, living or deceased, who has made a significant contribution to the City of Lynchburg.

5. Recreational facilities or designated areas within a park (i.e., trails, bridges, etc.) may be named for a corporation, organization, or an individual(s), living or deceased, who:
 - Has made a significant contribution to the protection and/or enrichment of a natural, cultural, educational, or horticultural resources of the City of Lynchburg, or
 - Has substantially contributed to the advancement of commensurate types of recreational opportunities within the City of Lynchburg, or
 - Has made a significant contribution to the betterment of a specific park, consistent with currently accepted best management practices and standards for the individual property in question.
6. In support of this policy, nominations for naming of City owned properties, facilities, streets & structures shall be evaluated on the basis of the above criteria and upon appropriate documentation.
7. To request the renaming of a City street, by anyone other than the City, the procedure for naming or renaming any street within the city limits on or after the twenty-sixth day of July, 1977, shall be as provided in the City ordinance
8. All costs associated with the naming, including the cost of any recording necessary and the cost of signage shall be paid by the person(s), organization, and/or corporation submitting the request. This cost may be waived by the City Council.
9. As a general policy, a named facility will retain that name as long as it exists. However, if a name is designated for a facility associated with a specific activity and that activity is subsequently changed, the name may be applied to a similarly used facility, if possible, and if not, to another facility
10. Lynchburg City Council shall have the right to make decisions that support the best interests of the City of Lynchburg, and shall either approve or reject the recommendation.

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ADDENDUM: A



**NAMING OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES, FACILITIES,
STREETS & STRUCTURES
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Applicants General Information

Name: Dr. Don C. Wilson
Fairview Christian Church Date: 9/15/05
Address: 2701 Campbell Ave. Liburg State: VA
Zip Code: 24501 Telephone: 845-6031
Does the Applicant Represent an Organization? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Name of Organization: FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2. Facility Information

Name of City of Lynchburg Facility:

<input type="checkbox"/> Biggers Playlot	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandusky Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackwater Creek Athletic Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Fleet Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Younger Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackwater Creek Natural Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Avenue Playlot	<input type="checkbox"/> Westover Playlot
<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings & Grounds Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Grove Street Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Yoder Community Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Chambersville Playlot	<input type="checkbox"/> Gateway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> City Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Park	<input type="checkbox"/> The Merritt Hutchinson Stadium
<input type="checkbox"/> City Market	<input type="checkbox"/> High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle School
<input type="checkbox"/> College Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Miller Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Jackson Heights Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space
<input type="checkbox"/> College Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Peaks View Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniels Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Park Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Percival's Island Natural Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Kemper Street Station/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Perrymont Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Perrymont Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Retention/Retaining Pond	<input type="checkbox"/> Police Station
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairview Community Center		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services

3. **Nature of Naming Opportunity:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Field | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Feature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Overlook | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Structure | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Bed | |

Explain Other:

4. **Renaming Opportunity (Street)**

☐ Yes ☐ No Current Name: _____

No. of Residents on Street: _____ Percentage In Favor: _____

Petition Submitted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. **Exact Location (if necessary):**

2500 BLOCK of CAMPBELL AVE.

6. **Proposed Name of Facility:**

John L. Suttentfield Memorial Bridge
(Print the Name)

7. **Naming Justification:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Geographical Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Contribution
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> Monetary Gift	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Gift
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Community Leader.	

- Please note: See above policies for the definition of Significant Contributions.

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Please Explain Justification (Attach Additional Information If Necessary):

See attached letter.

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April 25, 2005

Bert Dodson
Members of Lynchburg City Council

Council members,

On Monday, April 18, 2005 the official board of Fairview Christian Church unanimously approved a motion to request that the bridge in the 2500 block of Campbell Avenue be named the **John L. Suttentfield Memorial Bridge**.

Dr. Suttentfield served as pastor of Fairview Christian Church, located at 2701 Campbell Avenue, for 50 years before retiring in 1973. Though he was a major figure in the development of the church and the people of the Fairview community, his outreach affected all of Lynchburg. He grew up in the Eden, North Carolina area and attended Johnson Bible College in East Tennessee where he was ordained into the Christian ministry in 1919. In 1920 he transferred to Lynchburg College and later accepted the pastorate of Fairview Christian Church.

In 1936 he was elected to Lynchburg City Council, serving until 1942. During this time he was instrumental in getting paved streets and sidewalks in the Fairview community.

From 1942 until 1946 he served as an army chaplain at Fort Story, but traveled back to Fairview Christian Church every weekend to fulfill his pastoral duties.

From 1946 through 1958 he again served on Lynchburg City Council. He was vice mayor from 1948-1952 and mayor from 1952-1958.

In 1959 Fairview Christian Church had the largest congregation in Lynchburg, which demanded the full attention of its pastor. Dr. Suttentfield ended his work in local government and concentrated his efforts on the church, which today is still a very important part of the Fairview area, offering many opportunities for community involvement.

It should be noted that some major events took place during his time as mayor such as attracting General Electric and Babcox and Wilcox to the city. Also construction of the Lynchburg Expressway began and E.C.Glass High School was built.

Dr. Suttentfield was elected to the City Democratic Committee in 1958.
In 1959 he was elected to the Lynchburg College Board of Trustees.
In 1969 he was elected president of the Downtown Lion's Club.

Dr. Suttentfield received several awards during his lifetime.

- For his work in city government and his civic leadership, Lynchburg College conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1954.

- In 1948 he received the T. Gibson Hobbs Memorial Alumni Award from Lynchburg College.
- In 1972 he received the Pro Opera Civica Award from the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.
- In 1973 he received the Service to Mankind Award from the Lynchburg Sertoma Club.
- In 1981 he won the National Brotherhood Award from the Lynchburg Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Fairview Christian Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. It would be a great addition to the anniversary celebration and a token of appreciation to a man who was instrumental in affecting many positive changes for the Fairview community and all of Lynchburg, if the bridge located close to the church could be named in his memory.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Don Wilson, Sr. Minister &
Members of Fairview Christian Church
2701 Campbell Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia 24501
(434) 845-6031
FairviewCC@adelphia.net

8. **City of Lynchburg Comments:**

Reviewed By: RACHEL FLYNN

Director, Department of Community Planning & Development

☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended

Date: 9-20-05

Comments:

Reviewed By: Kay Frazee

Director, Division of: ☒ Parks & Recreation or ☐ Buildings & Grounds or
☐ Public Services

☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended

Date: 9/22/05

Comments:

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Reviewed By: Lee Vanland

Director, Department of: Human Services ☐ or ☒ Public Works

☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended

Date: 10/17/05

Comments:

Courtesy Copies Sent To:

- ☐ City Attorney's Office
- ☐ City Managers Office
- ☐ Other

City Council Review Date: _____

Naming Opportunity Status:

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Tabled

Additional Comments:

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ADDENDUM: B

Vince Bradford Field Miller Park

The upper youth baseball field at Miller Park was named after Hall of Fame High School Football Coach Vince Bradford. Vince was also the Commissioner and President of Lynchburg Little League Baseball Inc.

Vince's work and presence touched many young lives during his terms as commissioner. He basically was responsible for Lynchburg Little League Baseball being what it is today.

Vince died in 1999 and is sadly missed by the Lynchburg sports community.

Known as the "Coach", Vince served many years as football coach at E.C. Glass High School, Commissioner of Lynchburg Little League Inc., on City Council and on boards of many, many other civic organizations throughout Lynchburg. This field was named after Vince in the mid 70's.

Happy Lee Softball Field Miller Park

The Softball Field at Miller Park was named after the Legendary Howard V. Lee who was a long time playground director and coach for the Lynchburg Parks and Recreation Department. Nicknamed "Happy" his Miller Park youth football team won a National Pop Warner Championship in the late 40's. His outstanding leadership touched many young lives during his direction at Miller Park. He is still remembered today for his kindness and generosity to the young people at this Park. Happy died in the late 80's.

Kenneth Lloyd Baseball Field Miller Park

Kenneth Lloyd was a longtime youth baseball coach in the Lynchburg Little League Baseball Organization. He was very instrumental in the developmental structure of Lynchburg Little League Baseball.

The field was dedicated in his name while he was still suffering from cancer in the summer of 1983 and he died in September of 1983. He touched the lives of many young people during his years with Lynchburg Little League Baseball. He is still remembered today for his work with young children.

Ed Page Entrance (Blackwater Creek Natural Area)

Ed Page has been an outspoken advocate for the Blackwater Creek Natural Area and its trails since the inception of the park. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Friends of Lynchburg Stream Valleys and the Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club to complete the first phase of the James River Heritage Trail. This trail, when complete, will extend to Appomattox Court House, the new D-Day Memorial, and Poplar Forest. This new entrance to the Blackwater Creek Bikeway section of the James River Heritage Trail acknowledges the contributions made by Mr. Page and all trail volunteers.

